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Far Afield

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Nothing could be more perfect to launch a 50th anniversary issue than Far Afield, the magnificent Montecito estate featured on our cover. Among stunning properties, it is the ultimate. Few can match the elegance, livability, architecture, privacy, provenance and sheer beauty. "It is most impressive. It is 100 years old, and then there is the romantic backstory," says Joyce Rey, executive director of Coldwell Banker Global Luxury.

Even more remarkable, the home, including all the infrastructure, has been entirely updated without compromising the original character. The current owners devoted 15 years to an extensive renovation with great attention to architectural details and finishes. The process entailed a painstaking search in Europe for 17th and 18th century reclaimed materials, including hand-cut French oak and a curated collection of Dutch, Spanish, and French antique tiles. The structure was even raised off the foundation to create a lower level with

additional rooms and a mechanicals basement housing all the systems. "Who has done such a thing?" asks Rey, noting the house was renovated by owners who were connoisseurs of historic renovations.

The villa sits in the middle of an equally impressive ± 10.5 flat acres, allowing for walking paths, extensive gardens, rose gardens, even a peacock house. Views extend 270 degrees taking in a long swath of coastline, while the San Ynez mountains form an equally vibrant backdrop.

This amount of land is a rarity, making this one of the last two premier historic estates left in Montecito's Golden Quadrangle. "It's private, it's safe, and it's sustainable," says Timothy Di Prizito, also with Coldwell Banker Realty, who is co-listing the property with Rey. "Replicating it today would be impossible," he says.

This is the first time in over 20 years this property has been offered for sale, making it truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. The offering price is \$74 million.

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COVER SHOWCASE

Far Afield



THE PREEMINENT 10+ ACRE MONTECITO ESTATE

670 HOT SPRINGS ROAD, SANTA BARBARA, CA 93108

\$74,000,000

A rare and extraordinary piece of art and antiquity, Far Afield is one of two significant historic estates remaining in the prime Montecito "Golden Quadrangle," commanding approximately 10.5 acres. Far Afield was parceled off from the Original Las Tejas Estate in 1916 by early South Carolina settler William Alston Hayne, and sold to famed American writer Hobart C. Chatfield-Taylor and his wife Rose Farwell, Daughter of U.S. Senator Charlie B. Farwell. Far Afield was named in part after Farwell (Far) and

Chatfield (Field), combining their last names, but with the symbolism, the estate was their vacation home "far away" from their primary home in Lake Forest, Illinois.

In 1917, enduring Santa Barbara Architect Francis T. Underhill designed this gorgeous Mediterranean Revival (Villa) Estate and gardens, inspired by his other noted masterpieces, such as Villa Solana and La Chiquita. At enormous expense and time, a 15-year restoration project completed in 2015 delivers art and architecture thoughtfully

finished with handcrafted custom details using 17th- and 18th-century reclaimed building materials curated throughout Europe. Each of the parquet floor patterns were custom built on site with hand-cut French Oak, imported from historic Chateaus. A curated collection of Dutch, Italian and Spanish antique tiles are attentively integrated throughout the estate's interior and exterior. The elegance of the villa's architecture, facade and finishes are enhanced by the estate's unparalleled and completely updated infrastructure, including



a structural and mechanical engineering overhaul with added subterranean levels and state-of-the-art systems rivaling modern hotel resorts of today.

Far Afield is a legacy estate for the ages with everything you would expect to represent success, class and sophistication. Gated, long, canopied driveway approach is set back several hundred yards from Hot Springs Road, and introduces an unassuming, yet unbelievably awe-inspiring romantic main villa and guest residence with indelible charm and character. Truly a trophy asset to be cherished by children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren for decades to come, offered for the first time in over 30 years. A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, with location, acreage, gardens, and pedigree architecture impossible to replicate today.



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